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COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE HYALURONIC
ACID DERIVATIVE, CHONDROGENIC CELL FOR TREATMENT
OF CARTILAGE DEFECTS

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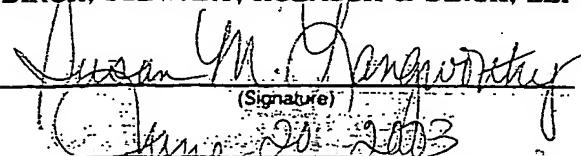
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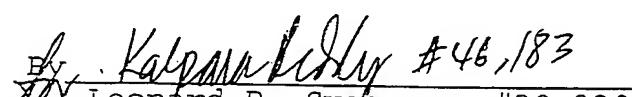
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